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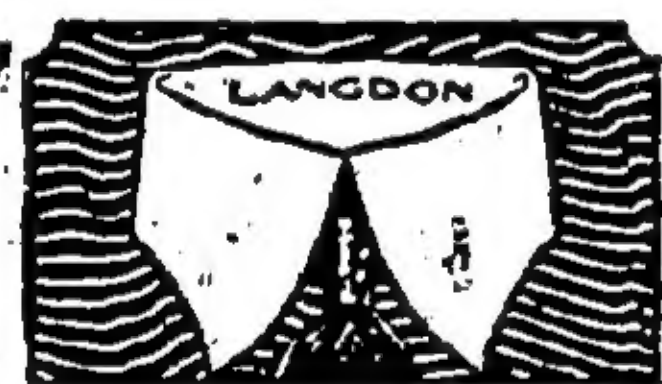
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## TO-DAY'S CABLE.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

### STRIKE NOTES.

#### FORTY PITS FLOODED.

LONDON, April 11.  
Forty pits have been completely flooded, according to the Rt. Hon. Mr. Bridgman, who said in the House of Commons at question time that it was impossible to forecast how many could again be worked as economical considerations were involved besides those of practicality.

#### A GOSSIPY ITEM.

LONDON, April 11.  
The owners and miners conference adjourned, whereafter one of the miners' executive declared that the result of the first day's negotiations was that the position was "not unsatisfactory." It was learned, however, that the conference had not got to grips with fundamentals. Both parties by the Premier's wish, meet him separately to-morrow morning.

#### PROVOCATIVE LANGUAGE.

LONDON, April 11.  
In the House of Commons, Mr. Chamberlain, moving a formal address of thanks for His Majesty's message relating to the reserve forces' proclamation, stated that the miners' federation's instructions with regard to non-interference with pumping had been generally followed. He feared the negotiations would take a considerable time and would be most difficult. He must not flatter ourselves that we are out of danger.  
He pointed out that the threat of extension of the dispute to the whole of transport and industry was suspended but not withdrawn. Therefore it was necessary to continue precautions. The community must show, if its existence was attacked, that it was able to protect itself. (Labour cries of "No provocative language.") Mr. Chamberlain replied that he was most anxious that nothing should be said to make a fair and honourable settlement impossible. He urged adjournment of discussion.  
The debate was adjourned till to-morrow.

#### PREMIER ADVISES BOTH.

LONDON, April 11.  
Mr. Lloyd George, addressing the coal-owners and miners, dwelt on the formidable nature of the task ahead. He said an early and satisfactory conclusion was not doubtful if there were the same eagerness to share losses as there was to share profits. He referred to the unprecedented slump in the export trade, owing to the practical closing of the markets on the continent and in South America. The Government had resolved not to make the taxpayer maintain profits of wages. It was for the coal-owners and miners to submit a scheme for adjusting these to the hard economic conditions. The owners must justify the extent of their reductions of wages and the miners must submit counter-proposals. He concluded by suggesting that both sides should appoint a small body which would report to a full conference.

#### MAUBEUGE HONOURED.

PARIS, April 11.  
The French Government has awarded the war cross to the city of Maubeuge, which in 1914 stopped part of the German army for three days.

#### MEAT CHEAPER IN PARIS.

PARIS, April 11.  
Measures taken to check speculation and being about a deflation of prices of chief commodities have resulted in Paris meat prices being reduced about twenty per cent.

#### YAP ISLAND DISPUTE.

WASHINGTON, April 12.  
It is understood that Britain and France have replied to the Yap mandate note. Britain's reply is stated to be of a preliminary nature.

#### JAPAN'S CROWN PRINCE.

#### AMERICA NOT TO BE VISITED.

WASHINGTON, April 12.  
The Emperor of Japan has sent a letter to President Harding, keenly regretting the unfavorable circumstances closely connected with himself that at present prevent acceptance of the President's invitation for the Crown Prince to visit the United States on the completion of his European mission.

#### OIL SUPPLIES.

#### BRITISH AND AMERICAN NEGOTIATIONS.

WASHINGTON, April 12.  
Britain has presented to the Government a memorandum having regard to the San Remo oil agreement, proposing the appointment of an American commissioner to confer with the British petroleum commission in order to accelerate adjustment of differences.

#### AMERICAN WAR TAXATION.

NEW YORK, April 12.  
Bills have been introduced into Congress repealing the excess profits and other war taxation and substituting a one per cent. tax on all sales. It is estimated that this will yield \$600,000,000 annually.

#### BRITISH LIGHT-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

LONDON, April 12.  
In the National Sporting Club 20-lb. Light-weight Championship of Britain, Ernie Rice (Hounslow) knocked out Ben Calhott (Plymouth) in the seventh round.

## THE DOLLAR.

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## KOWLOON BOWLING CLUB.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

Last evening, the annual meeting of members of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club was held in the Club-house. There was a large attendance. In the absence of Mr. D. Gow, President of the Club, Mr. W. Russell presided. He was supported by Messrs. G. Henderson, R. J. Dixon, T. W. Robertson, G. Edwards, J. Barr, C. Aitken, J. S. McInnes, T. Dawson, T. L. Cooke, P. Farrell, J. H. Donnelly, G. H. May, W. T. Elson, W. Mackay, D. Harvey, R. Lapsley, Hon. Treas., and J. N. R. Allan, Hon. Sec.

The Chairman read the Committee's report which stated that the profit made on the working of the Club was \$729.04.  
Thirty-five new members joined, and twenty-six left, making the present total 158, an increase of eight on the year. The annual competitions drew large entries; they were keenly contested and completed in good time. The Hongkong team, including Messrs. Lapsley (skip), Farrell and Simpson of the Kowloon Club, visited Shanghai in September, but had to admit defeat after a close finish. They were, however, successful against Hankow. For the first time since its inception the League Championship was won by Kowloon Bowling Green Club. No competitions were held during the season as very few players were in evidence. The committee regretted to record the deaths, since the last annual general meeting, of four members, viz. Messrs. G. Ireland, J. Macdonald, C. J. Higginbotham and H. E. Lofley. A retired member, Mr. A. Bain, also passed away at home during the year.

The Club tendered its thanks to the donors of the many handsome prizes presented for competition. These were: the Henderson Challenge Cup (Mr. D. Gow); the President's Cup (Mr. D. Gow); the Borneo Cup (Mr. J. B. Macanhan); the Dundee Cup (Messrs. Baxter, Chapman, Harvey, Scott, Simpson, and Steel); the Belfast Cup (Messrs. Davidson, Dixon, Greig, McKirdy and Patton); the Tyneside Cup (Messrs. Dick, G. Henderson and Punccheon); the Clyde-side Cup (Messrs. Allan, Brown and McKenzie); and prizes given by Messrs. Grant, Melver, Milroy and Russell.

The golf section, which had its full complement of members, showed some improvement. Three matches were played with the K.C.C., resulting in one win for K.B.G.C. and two for K.C.C. As the majority of the members were young and keen players, the next season might see a greater improvement.

The Chairman proposed that the present hon. sec., Mr. J. N. R. Allan, be elected President, remarking that he was a hard-working member of the Club. (Applause.)

Mr. Allan declined the honor, but on being pressed he accepted and was elected amid general acclamation.

Mr. D. Keith was elected Vice-President, on the proposition of Mr. Dixon, seconded by Mr. Robertson. Mr. J. O. McLaggan was elected hon. sec.; the hon. treas., Mr. R. Lapsley, was re-elected.

The Committee was appointed as follows:—Messrs. Russell, Farrell, Atkinson, Barr, W. Mackay, Whibley, Henderson, Elson and Mackintosh.  
The Chairman expressed the hope that members would begin the new season resolved to win the League Championship again. The greens were in good condition, and the policy of top-dressing early in the wet season must be repeated if the growth of the grass throughout the year was to be maintained. Not much interest had been taken in golf, and less in tennis. He hoped this would be remedied.

Mr. Lapsley suggested the election of a golf captain and the formation of a tennis section. Mr. W. Mackay was elected golf captain and the question of a tennis section was referred to the Committee.

Invitations have been issued for the annual sports of the Hongkong University which are to be held on the University playing field, Pokfulam Road, at 2 p.m. on Saturday April 16. Mrs. Claud Severn will distribute the prizes. The Brass Band of the Y.M.C.A. will be in attendance. The annual sports of the Ying Wah College are to be held at the Race Course on Wednesday, April 13 at noon. The prizes will be distributed by Mrs. Wan. St. Stephen's College annual athletic sports are to be held on the Jockey Club's ground at Happy Valley at 1.30 p.m. on Friday, April 15. The prizes are to be presented by Mrs. Claud Severn.

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HIGH.—On April 3, 1921, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. C. High, C.M. Customs, a son.  
CANCE.—On March 26, 1921, at Wenchow, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Cance, a son.

## MARRIAGE.

WILLIAMS—ROWLES.—On April 6, 1921, at Shanghai, Horace Henry, third son of the late Henry Williams, Copthall Court, London, to Vera Mary, youngest daughter of Mr. William Rowles, Hook Norton, Oxford.

## DEATHS.

HUTTON.—On April 2, 1921, at Peking, Commander Hutton Arthur Stewart Hutton, R.N., late Naval Attaché, "H.B.M. Legation, Peking, in his 38th year.  
RANDLE.—On April 5, 1921, at the General Hospital, Shanghai, Amy Emily Frances Randle, aged 17 years.

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 1921.

## PLAY THE GAME.

The prime virtue of the game of cricket is its traditional democraticness. It brings (we say) the Squire and his Gardener to a common level, on which each is bound by all the rules and etiquette of the game to "play for the side," rather than for himself. If the gardener goes without grumbling into the field, and does not begrudge his cricket superior the place of honour. It is true that the distinction

between "gentlemen" and "players" has been marked, but many have objected to that on principle. Broadly speaking, on the pitch all other inequalities, social or otherwise, cease to count, and only his degree of skill at the game raises one above another. As our correspondent pointed out on Saturday, only skill at cricket should be considered, when choosing an inter-part eleven. A man's race, or social position, is quite irrelevant. It is impossible not to agree with him there. The terms on which such a "match" is arranged are implicit. Two sides are matched, or contrasted, by the rest of play, and the contention of either side is, "Here we have eleven players who make a better team than any eleven the other side can collect." The allegation is that the Hongkong eleven is not being selected solely on cricketing merit, and if the allegation be admitted as true and just, there is no answer that can be made other than a confession of wrongdoing. If the men chosen to represent Hongkong in inter-part cricket are not individually the best available, they are not genuine representatives, they must not hold up their scores and averages in the inter-part match as a representative Hongkong performance, nor, if Hongkong has been beaten by Shanghai, we know quite well, of course, that these inter-part matches have their social amenities, that there is a lot of entertaining and jollification in connection with them, and we can understand that in certain surroundings, to which a Chinese or an Indian player might not be habituated, these latter might not be the most congenial of company, either to hosts or to their fellow players who are social lions. No doubt something of this sort could be pleaded by the parties responsible for the inter-part selection complained of; but, as we have noted, it would be irrelevant. The eleven goes to represent Hongkong on its cricketing side, not on its

club or social side, and if the eleven best cricketers could not appear homogeneous in some Shanghai resort of fashion, then the entertaining of the team should be revised and simplified, made more appropriate to the business in hand, and less embarrassing to the player who may be better at batting than at parlor talk. Put very plainly, we must eliminate the element of snobbery from inter-part cricket. We must not bar Ranjitsingh because he is not a White Man, nor Ah Ben Chie (the best googly bowler) because it is feared that he may not understand all the University jokes. If our gilded aristocrats want to go to Shanghai to play cricket, as one "set" who understand each other and know each other's ways, they have every right to do so; but not as representing Hongkong. They might go as "Hongkong's Gentlemen," if they liked, but not as Hongkong's best cricketers. Assuming that the team is chosen (although our correspondent does not make it clear) they have very unwisely forced this criticism, by sending invitations to the various clubs, and then ignoring the admittedly best cricketers who intimidated acceptance of such invitation. We must say that so far as our own judgment is concerned, we regard as significant the silence with which the complaint has been received. It looks, on the face of it, a contemptuous silence. Laziness would be no excuse, because the issue is important enough to compel those interested to make an effort to remove misunderstanding, and avert unwholesome passions. Indifference could not be pleaded, for that would damn them at once. The time has long gone by when a pertinent letter in a journal like the China Mail can safely be ignored. Perhaps these comments may make the parties responsible aware of their obligations in the matter. We hope so, partly because we suspect the facts could be presented in a less displeasing light than our correspondent put them. We can guess, for example, that a good cricket record elsewhere than in Hongkong might be known to the selectors, who might say that temperamental, tactics, and experience count for more than the showy averages of local afternoon cricket. That, though it could be objected to as not providing for genuine Hongkong representation, would at least show the good motive of the selectors, and relieve them of the guilty onus which our correspondent's accusation thrust upon them. But it is not our business to find excuses and defensive arguments for them, if under such a serious imputation they themselves let judgment go by default.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

A high speed railway service may be inaugurated by August or September to cover the distance between Tokyo and Kobe in about ten hours.

Among the passengers who arrived by the P. & O. "Nyagra" yesterday from England, was Mrs. Evans, wife of Captain E. R. G. Evans, D.S.O., in command of H. M. S. "Carisbrooke."

William Crofts, an officer of the Blue Funnel, as "Antichorus" was known in Messrs. Mansfield's mess in Cantonment Road, Singapore, with his throat cut, apparently by his own hand. Deceased is believed to have been suffering from depression.

The engagement is announced of Alexander Grant Schaw Miller, W.S., only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Schaw Miller, Edinburgh, and Olive Elizabeth, elder daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Montague Beart, of Meola, Sawbridge, Hertford, and formerly of China and Japan.

Captain David C. Austin, of the Admiral Line, as "Crosskeys," reports that, on his latest trip from Vladivostok to Seattle, two Russian girls were found on board as stowaways. They appeared on deck after the steamer passed Hakodate. They were taken into custody by the Captain and turned over to Seattle authorities on the arrival of the ship in port there.

A quarrel over the release of a pickpocket who was at "work" on board the s.s. "Haitan" on Sunday, led to a fight between the ship's commander and the storekeeper. In the course of the struggle, the commander was stabbed in the temple. The storekeeper was arrested and yesterday charged before Magistrate Orme. Inspector Spear, who prosecuted, said that the release of the pickpocket was used by the defendant only as an excuse for attacking the commander. The real motive for the attack was revenge, as the commander had some time ago caused the arrest of two of the defendant's friends for attempted felony on board the ship. The commander released the pickpocket because the \$40 he had stolen had been recovered, and he did not think that there was sufficient evidence to prosecute him. After evidence had been heard, the Magistrate passed sentence of one month's hard labour.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The attention of past pupils of Queen's College is drawn to an advertisement appearing elsewhere in this issue.

Captain G. C. Cundy of the "Poh Ann" had a stroke of paralysis affecting the arm and leg, on board his vessel, and is at present an inmate of the Singapore General Hospital.

The accountant of a Chinese firm in Jervois Street has reported to the police that on April 5 he sent a job out to collect \$620 from some shops. The man collected the money but failed to return.

In all probability the clock tower in the Fort, a conspicuous mark for all travellers in Colombo, will be moved at an early date in consequence of suggested improvements of the streets of the city.

The building accommodating the Alexandra Cafe, Messrs. Mackintosh and the Anderson Music Company has been sold to Chinese interests by the Hongkong Land Investment Company, Limited, at \$50 per square foot.

A faction fight occurred between Chinese on board the s.s. "Devawongse" from Hongkong, when an hour's distance from Singapore. Many were slightly injured, none seriously. The Marine Police boarded the vessel and quiet was restored.

A Chinese was yesterday removed to the Kwong Wah hospital suffering from a fracture on the skull alleged to have been caused by two other men in the course of a fight on board the s.s. "Empress of Russia." The man's assailants are in police custody.

The death occurred in Shanghai on Wednesday of Mr. Neville E. Craig, Deputy U. S. Marshal, who passed away at the General Hospital. Mr. Craig had made a rapid recovery after undergoing a serious operation, but was affected with heart trouble, which was the cause of his death at the early age of 47 years.

The Comptroller-General has issued a report of expenditure on special war missions. The Prince of Wales's tour to Australia and New Zealand cost \$19,193, an unexpended balance of the \$20,000 granted has been returned to the exchequer. The whole of the \$5,000 granted for the Prince's mission to Canada was spent.

As the result of a fall caused through attempting to alight from a moving tram car in Des Voeux Road Central yesterday afternoon, a Chinese woman is now in the Government Civil Hospital. Her injuries are not serious and she will be fit for discharge from hospital within the next couple of days.

Captain J. T. Inch is retiring from the East after a long and useful career. For a considerable time he was one of the leading pilots of Shanghai, while lately he had taken active part in the motor industry. During his stay in China, he has been an enthusiastic Free Mason, and to mark their appreciation of his work for the craft, a number of Masonic brethren gave him a farewell dinner.

An interesting case in which a Straits born Chinese figured was heard in the Singapore Supreme Court. Chan Gin Neo claimed \$2,500 as damages in respect of breach of promise by Lim Teck Seng. The defence was that the marriage was conditional upon the consent of defendant's mother, who refused to give her consent. Defendant was ordered to pay the costs of the action only.

At the Singapore Yacht Club annual meeting the Hon. Mr. W. F. Nutt, who presided, stated that the Prince of Wales had promised to become a patron of the Club on the way to Japan at a future date. Lord Milner has given a cup. Proposals have been submitted from the Rowing Club to amalgamate with the Yacht Club now on the question of finance, the former to erect buildings for the boats. The report was adopted.

It was never to be expected that the closing of the lottery shops in the French Concession, Shanghai, would put an end to the sale of lottery tickets. The business has been much too lucrative. Most of the ticket merchants who have been able to raise fairly substantial rents have reopened at the Old and New North Gates of the Chinese city. Many others, finding themselves adrift, have set up in business as itinerant "lottery ticket brokers," and are doing business in both Settlements, tea houses and wine shops being their favourite haunts. The Street Unions on this side are said to be discussing ways and means of checking the business.

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## SPECIAL CABLES.

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MR. G. L. SHAW'S ACTION.

COURT RESERVES JUDGMENT.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, April 12. In the case in which Mr. G. L. Shaw claims \$100,000 damages from Brown Rea and Patrick Gallagher, proprietor and editor, respectively, of the Far Eastern Review, for alleged libel in calling the plaintiff an active Asiatic Sinn Fein leader, the defence pleaded a demurrer contending that the libel alluded to a political group in Korea. Judgment was reserved.

"MISSING LINK."

THE AMERICAN EXPEDITION.

ARRIVAL IN SHANGHAI.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, April 12. Dr. Roy Chapman Andrews, leader and promoter of the expedition to Central Asia to discover the "Missing Link" and the origin of the evolution of man, has arrived in Shanghai. Twenty tons of equipment have been brought. The expedition is expected to be absent five years. The headquarters are in Peking.

[With reference to the daring enterprise Dr. Andrews has made the following statement:—We intend to make a stay of five years in the untrodden regions of Mongolia. The whole personnel of more than two thousand, including the foremost archaeologists, ethnologists, and motion picture photographers, are expected to reach Yokohama on May 28.

The cost for the expedition is estimated at G. \$80,000,000 which is to be contributed by Messrs. Morgan & Co., the Rockefeller Institute and other millionaires.

The exploration in South China in 1916 and that in Mongolia in 1917 having both testified that the human race originated in Mongolia, it has been decided to make a final and thorough exploration this time.]

## 50 YEARS IN CHINA.

RETIRED CUSTOMS CHIEF GOING HOME.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, April 12. Mr. Nelson E. Bryant, retired Customs Commissioner, who is passing through en route for home, completed last September fifty years in China, successively in business, the American consular service, and the customs.

## RAIN PIPE ESCAPE.

VAGABOND TURNS THIEF.

A Chinese youth was this morning charged before Magistrate Orme with being a rogue and a vagabond, and attempting to break into No. 19, Austin Road, Kowloon, in the small hours of the morning of April 11.

A Chinese detective said about 4.30 a.m. yesterday, he saw the defendant climbing up a rain pipe between Nos. 19 and 20, Austin Road. The defendant was on the level of the first floor when witness saw him, and was making for the second floor of No. 19, evidently with the intention of stealing clothing hung up on the verandah to dry.

The defendant said that what the witness had said was true, but he had no intention of stealing anything. Sentence of six weeks' hard labour was passed.

## SEQUEL TO LOVE AFFAIR.

YOUNG GIRL ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

The Chinese girl who was yesterday reported to have jumped into the harbour from the Yau-mat ferry launch "Feewan" as it was approaching the wharf at Yau-mat, was this morning charged with attempting to commit suicide. She admitted the offence and said that she had come from the country to look for her mother but on arrival here found that she was gone.

Inspector Browne said that he was of opinion that this was the outcome of a love affair.

The girl's uncle undertook to look after her and send her back to the country, and the Magistrate cautioned and discharged her.

## DOGS AND POULTRY.

NEXT ANNUAL SHOW.

REVIVAL OF THE S.P.C.A.

Dog and poultry fanciers met at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., last evening to make arrangements for the next show.

Mr. J. Bell Irving presided over a good attendance, and was supported by Mr. B. L. Frost, Hon. Secretary. Before proceeding to the business of the meeting, the Chairman expressed regret at the deaths since the last show of Mr. G. W. Gegg and Mr. J. Wildin, both of whom did a lot of work for the show. The meeting had been called to decide whether to have a show, to appoint a Committee, fix a date and arrange the programme. He would first ask the Hon. Secretary to read the statement of accounts of the last show.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT. Mr. Frost read the statement, showing: receipts \$882.87 (subscription \$320, entrance fees \$210.60, gate receipts and sale of programmes \$321.20), expenditure \$336.55 (prizes \$500.90). The balance in hand was \$55.92. Great credit was due to the late Mr. Wildin and Mr. J. G. Kynoch for the very hard work they did in staging the dogs and poultry, also to Mr. McCarthy for his assistance in judging.

The accounts were passed. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE. In connection with the election of the Committee, the Hon. Secretary mentioned that half of those elected last year did no work.

The following were elected:—Dogs.—Messrs. J. Bell Irving, W. J. S. MacKenzie, C. L. Howell, Insp. T. Pitt, Mr. F. J. McCarthy, Insp. W. Ward, Mr. J. Forsyth, Insp. W. McEwen, Mr. R. J. Hall, Mr. L. F. Townend.

Poultry.—Mr. F. J. McCarthy, Mr. F. Dillon, Mr. J. G. Kynoch, Mr. A. Nicholson, Mr. B. L. Frost (Hon. Secretary).

Messrs. Hall and Townend were deputed to collect donations. The date of the show was fixed for Saturday, April 30, entries to close on Saturday, April 23. The programme was discussed and it was decided to include cats, birds (canaries, parrots, etc.) and eggs in the show.

THE S.P.C.A.

Mr. Frost said that he wished to propose that the Committee which took up the show and interested itself in dogs and poultry attempt to re-constitute the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The matter was taken in hand last year by Lady Stabb and Mr. Ross, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs. The Governor also took a great interest in the matter and was willing to back the Society provided the work was carried out on educational rather than punitive lines. The speaker thought it was a matter in which everyone should take an interest. He had with him the rules of the Shanghai Society which were very simple. Briefly they stated that one undertook to do one's best to see that animals were not badly treated and to show people how to handle animals properly, also to get the schools interested. The subscription to the Shanghai Society was \$2 a year. The speaker thought that it would take only a little time to get a similar society started here. Mr. Ross had said that he would do all he could to get the Chinese interested. The Governor was away, but his Secretary had informed the speaker that he could mention at the meeting that the Governor would take an interest in the Society and probably become president and patron of it. The speaker was quite willing to do the spade work with regard to the secretaryship, that was to say in starting the Society. Perhaps somebody else would take it up afterwards. He certainly thought that every day fearful cases of cruelty were to be seen, partly due to ignorance and partly to carelessness. He thought it the duty of the Europeans here to take the matter up.

A member said it was a perfectly excellent thing, but how would they go about it?—One felt one couldn't do anything.

Mr. Frost said the Police assisted in Shanghai.

The Member: They have horse traffic there!

The Chairman said they had, but such things as poultry in crates, pigs in baskets, etc., came under the Society's purview.

Mr. Frost gave an instance of a pig carried on a truck, the wheel of the vehicle filing its back with every revolution. He drew attention to it at the time, but was informed that the authorities would probably not wish to issue a summons. Since it might be difficult for them to express themselves in Chinese to offenders, he thought they might have folders, with photographs showing the correct way to handle pigs, poultry, etc.

A member said the offender would probably revert to the old way as soon as he got around the corner.

Mr. Frost: If he knew he would be proceeded against next time.

## REPORT ON MANCHESTER MARKET.

Our last report was dated February 24th 1921.

Cotton.—The week's fluctuations have resulted in a loss of about 1 1/2 s. lb. in both American and Egyptian sorts. Yesterday's sales of 9,000 bales have been taken as a hopeful sign in some quarters.

Liverpool spot quotations yesterday were:—

American F.M. 7.32d. last week 8.72d.

Egyptian Sakellaris, F.G.F. 13.50d. last week 15.50d.

Yarns. Prices have fallen in sympathy with the raw material and only a very small business has been done.

Cloth. This week is said to have another "low record" in volume of business.

Such overseas buyers as are in a position to place orders will not do so owing to "lack of confidence" in Manchester prices. Cloth falls owing to "lack of support" from Liverpool.

Cotton in Liverpool falls owing to "lack of strength" in New York.

All this is inevitable in the absence of demand from consuming markets. These are still going through the painful process of liquidating their dear purchases. How painful is this process may be judged by the efforts made to cancel orders, refuse deliveries, and in some way or other saddle Manchester with the losses. These efforts meet with little sympathy in Manchester, which has sufficient troubles of its own.

A scheme to keep mills going half time, which would necessitate the financing of stocks by the Banks under Government guarantee, is not meeting with much support.

Such odd lines as have been booked have been taken at prices described as "ruinous."

India and China have done next to nothing. Odd lots have come to book for the smaller markets. The Home Trade shows some signs of revival and is buying something, and what is more important, taking delivery.

Bar Silver is quoted at 32 1/2d. last week 33 1/2d.

Exchanges.	This week.	Last week.
Paris	54.25	53.25
Amsterdam	11.35	11.34
New York	3.89	3.88
Calcutta	1.54	1.53
Hongkong	2.41	2.40
Shanghai	3.22	3.21

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Before Magistrate Orme this morning Sergt. Andrews of the Tripartite Police Station charged a Chinese, a recent arrival from Amoy, with the unlawful possession of 17 tablets of prepared non-Government opium.

The defendant admitted possession and said that he was on his way to Singapore where he intended to dispose of the drug. He did not attempt to sell it here.

The Magistrate: It does not make any difference. You will stay here for six months or pay a fine of \$1,000. The opium is confiscated.

## WHY.

ARE PRESIDENTS INAUGURATED ON MARCH 4TH?

In spite of the legend which states that certain members of the Continental Congress took the trouble to scrutinize a calendar covering the entire nineteenth century, and selected as Inauguration Day, the day which fell less frequently on Sunday every fourth year, the facts in the case are quite different. In the first place, the Continental Congress appointed the first Wednesday in January, 1789, as the day on which the people should choose their electors. The first Wednesday in February was then named as the day on which these electors should choose a President, and the first Wednesday in March the Government was to go into operation under the new Constitution.

The last-named day, in 1789, fell on March 4—hence the Fourth of March, following the election of a President, is the day appointed for his inauguration. By the Act of 1792, it was provided that the Presidential term of four years should commence on this date; and by the amendment to the Constitution made in 1904, if the House of Representatives did not elect a President by March 4, the Vice-President was to become President. March 4 is thus virtually made, by the Constitution as well as by statute, the day when a new Presidential term begins.

The Member: That brings you to the punitive rather than the educative aspect.

The Chairman: This sort of thing could be taught in the schools, but do the colleges go to school?

Mr. Frost said Lady Stabb's suggestion was street posters in Chinese explaining unnecessary cruelty, and asking individuals to stop cruelty in the streets.

It was eventually decided to call a meeting at a later date to go further into the matter.

This constituted the business.







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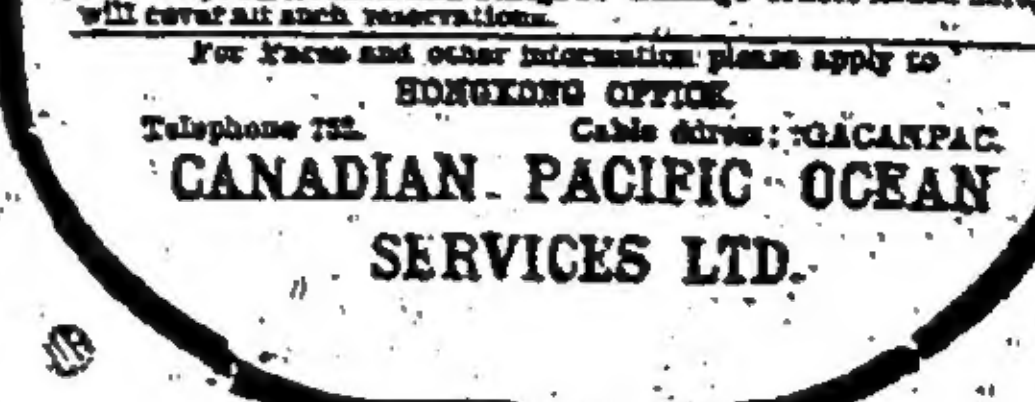
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## EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

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## MINERS' STRIKE.

London, April 11th.

Saturday's decision was followed by prompt results throughout the country, except in Fifehire. The mine officials re-started pumping yesterday, and resumption on a general scale is expected to-day. The regular pumpmen have announced their intention of returning throughout South Wales.

In the meantime the Government is not relaxing its efforts to cope with a possible crisis. Hopeful factors in today's conference were contained in the announcement that the Government was prepared to offer temporary financial assistance to the less productive collieries, and also for the completion of the owners' scheme of improvement of wage scales.

London, April 11th.

The fact that the miners have now agreed to meet the owners is regarded as positive evidence that the strike is certain to be settled. There may be momentary setbacks, but the ultimate issue is considered in competent quarters, as beyond question.

The compromise arranged on Saturday is hailed with intense satisfaction by the whole country. An explanation is sought in various causes. The refusal of the men to pump the mines, alienated the sympathy of the public, but furthermore, whereas the revolutionary section apparently thought that the strike will be general, a division in the ranks once again manifested itself.

The railwaymen and transport workers found that only half the men could respond, and that a strike would inevitably fail.

There are also clear indications that the preparations of the Government, particularly, the Emergency Powers Act, the movements of troops and ships and the extraordinary response of the public to the appeal for voluntary aid strongly influenced the promoters of the strike, and turned the scale against persistence in an uncompromising attitude.

Government circles are convinced that the strike, if it had taken place, would not have lasted 48 hours, nor would anyone have been short of necessities. The effect of the eventual resumption of work at lower wages is expected to produce an immediate fall in the cost of living, with proportionate improvement in the value of wages. It is anticipated that such a settlement will be a turning point in the depression of trade.

Throughout the strike there has been no loss of human life. Communists, who hoped to reap a harvest, realise the insignificance of their influence among the British working class, whose sturdy commonsense has once again reasserted itself.

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"SOUDAN"	7,000	28th Apr.	MARSHALL, LONDON & A. West.
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"NAGOYA"	7,000	13th May	MARSHALL, LONDON & A. West.

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"TORILLA"	5,500	16th Apr.	Calcutta, via Singapore Penang and Rangoon.

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S.S.	Tons	From Bangkok (about)	Destination
"EASTERN"	4,000	14th April	Timor, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, and Melbourne.
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KAWACHI MARU (Sailing from Singapore) ... Wednesday, 11th May.

BOMBAY & COLOMBO via Singapore.

YAKASA MARU ... Friday, 22nd April.

OLAFOTTA & RANGOON via Singapore & Penang.

RANIGUN MARU ... Monday, 19th April.

JAPAN PORTS—Nagasaki, Kobe & Yokohama.

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### II.—THE FIGHT FOR THE SAFE.

BY SAKE ROHMER.

(Continued from yesterday.)

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Prof. Deeping, famous Orientalist, stole Mohammed's slipper and took it to England, thereby bringing down on himself and all others who had anything to do with it the wrath of the Hashishin, a Moslem sect that guarded the relics of the Prophet. Deeping was mysteriously killed, and the key to the safe containing the slipper was left in the custody of Cavanaugh. Road history of the meeting with Hassan of Aleppo, his second encounter with the girl of the violet eyes, and his harrowing experience in the moonlight in the room where Deeping was killed.

Was it Bristol? It had his build, it had his gait; but his fears remained. Then the figure crossed the patch of shrubbery and stepped into the loggia. "Mr. Cavanaugh!"

I laughed drily at my own cowardice, but my heart was still beating abnormally.

"Here I am, Bristol, in a ghastly funk!"

"I don't wonder! They may be on us any time now. All's well at the gate, but Morris says he heard, or thought he heard, something at the side of the chapel opposite a while ago."

We resumed our seats and silence fell.

The moon rays, creeping around from the right of the avenue, crossing the shrubbery and encroaching upon the low wall of the loggia, now flooded its floor. Against the silvery light, Bristol appeared to me in black silhouette. The breeze, too, seemed now to blow from a slightly different direction. It came through the windows on my right, beyond which lay the unkempt bushes which extended, on that side, to the wall of the grounds.

So we sat until the moonlight poured fully in upon Bristol's back. So we sat when the clock chimed the hour of one.

Bristol arose and once more went to the gate. He had arranged to visit Morris' post every half hour. Again I experienced the nervous dread that he would be attacked in the avenue; but again he returned unscathed.

"All's well," he said.

But from the tones I knew that he had not forgotten that it was at this hour Marden and West had suffered mysterious attack.

And now my attention turned anew to the course of the slowly creeping moonrays. In my mind an idea was struggling for definition. There was something significant in the lunar lighting of the room. Why, I asked myself, had the attack been made at 1 o'clock? Did the time signify anything? If so, what? I looked toward Bristol.

His figure, the chair upon which he sat, were sharply outlined by the cold light. The wall behind me, and to my left, was illuminated brilliantly; but no light fell directly upon me.

The idea was taking shape. "From the loggia and the avenue, Bristol, I reasoned, must be clearly visible. From the shrubbery on the south, through the other windows—could I be seen? Yes, silhouetted against the moonlight!"

A faint sound, quite indescribable, came to my ears from somewhere outside—beyond.

"My God!" whispered Bristol. "Did you hear it?"

"Yes! What?"

"It must have been Morris—" Bristol was half standing—one hand upon the arm of the chair, the other concealed, but grasping his revolver as I well knew. I, too, had my revolver in my hand, and as I twisted in my seat, preparatory to rising, in sheer nervousness I dropped the weapon upon the carpet.

With an exclamation of dismay, I stooped quickly to recover it.

"As I did so, something whistled past my ear, so closely as almost to touch it—and struck with a dull thud the wall beyond!"

"Bristol!" I whispered. But, as I raised my eyes to him he seemed to crumple up, and fell loosely forward into the patch of moonlight spread upon the floor!

In a cold sweat of fear, I crouched there—for it had become evident to me that, as I bent, I was entirely in shadow.

There was a rustling in the bushes on the left; but before I could turn in that direction, my attention was claimed elsewhere. Over into the loggia leaped an almost naked brown figure.

It was that of a small but strongly built man, who carried a short, exceedingly thick bamboo rod in his hand with some kind of leather thong or loop attached to the end.

The panic fear of the supernatural was strongly upon me, and I was unable to realize that this Eastern apparition was a creature of flesh and blood. With my nerves strung up to snapping point, I crouched, watching him. He entered the room, bending over the body of Bristol.

A hot breath fanned my cheek!

At that, my overwrought nerves betrayed me. I uttered a stifled cry, looking upward—and into a pair of gleaming eyes which looked down into mine!

For a second the brown man (who must have entered by one of the windows overlooking the shrubbery) was bending over me.

Scarcely knowing what I did, I raised my revolver and blazed straight into the dimly-seen face. Down upon me silently dropped a naked body, and something warm came flowing over my hand. But knowing my foe to be flesh and blood, feeling myself at handgrips, now, with a palpable enemy, I threw off the body, leaped up and fired, though blindly, at the flying shape that flashed across the loggia and was lost in the shadow pools under the elms.

Upon the din of my shooting fell a silence like a cloak. A moment I listened, tense, still; then I turned to the table and lighted the lamp.

In his light I saw Bristol lying like a dead man. Close beside him was a big heavy lump of clay. It had been shaped like a ball, but now it was flattened out curiously. Bending over my unfortunate companion and learning that though unconscious, he lived, I learned, too, how the Hashishin without approaching them, I learned that the one whom I had shot, who lay in his blood almost on the spot where Prof. Deeping once had lain, was an expert singer.

The contrivance which, in common with the other who had escaped, he carried, was a sling of ancient Persian type. In place of stones, heavy lumps of clay were used, which operated much the same as a sandbag while enabling the operator to work from a considerable distance.

It had been a divine accident which had caused me to drop my revolver, and, stooping to recover it, unknowingly to frustrate the design of the second singer upon myself. The light of the lamp fell upon the face of the dead Hashishin. He lay forward, upon his hands, crouching almost, but with his face, his dreadful, featureless face, twisted up at me from under his left shoulder.

And then as I stood, between that horrid exultation which is born of killing and the panic which threatened me out of the darkness, I saw something advancing—slowly—slowly—from the elm shades toward the loggia.

It was a shape—it was a shadow. Silent it came—on—and on. Where the dusk lay deepest, it paused—undefined; for I could give it no name of man or spirit. But a horror seemed to proceed from it as light from a lamp.

I groped about the table near to me, never taking my eyes from that sinister form outside. As my fingers closed upon the telephone, distant voices and the sound of running footsteps (of those who had heard the shot), came, welcome, to my ears.

The form stirred, seeming to raise phantom arms in execration—and a stray moonbeam pierced the darkness shrouding it. For a fleeting instant before it was gone something flashed verminously.

The sounds grew nearer. I could tell that the newcomers had found Morris lying at the gate. Yet still I stood, frozen with uncanny fear, and watching—watching the spot to which that stray beam had pierced; the spot where I had seen the moon gleam upon the Ring of the Prophet!

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## SPORT.

## LEAGUE FOOTBALL.

## ST. JOSEPH'S WIN DIV. II CUP.

A remarkable season in connection with the second division of the Hongkong Football League came to a close yesterday afternoon when St. Joseph's and the R.G.A. Reserves, both at the top of the league table with an equal number of points, met in a final match to decide who should carry off the Championship honours. A strenuous game, which was worthy of a final, was won by the St. Josephians by two goals to nil.

Losing the toss, the Artillerymen kicked off and immediately made a dash for enemy territory. They got well in, and Kent had a fine opening, but he headed the ball just past the upright. St. Joseph's went away with the goal kick, and Hyndman tested Wood, but the latter was in position and cleared. At the other end Silva proved his mettle by stopping a fast shot from Veal. The Artillery continued to press with determination and Kent missed another good chance by shooting wide. A ding-dong struggle followed with occasional lightning dashes which, however, yielded nothing. The game waxed very fast, and towards the close of the first half, Ogley sent in a cross shot which struck the upright and bounded to Velasco's foot. The latter took a first time shot and missed the top left corner of the net by inches. Half time came with the score sheet blank, and the players on either side a little puffed on account of the terrific pace.

The second moiety opened with the St. Josephians on the offensive, but the backs pulled them up and Skeer sent away. Hyndman returned and the St. Josephians were doing well when Velasco had the misfortune to handle. The free-kick sent the Artillery well in, and in the melee which followed, Sopher fouled Kent in the penalty kick. Bailey took the kick, but in his excitement kicked the ball and it went into touch inches over the cross bar. Ogley went away in a pretty piece of individual play but was pulled up for off side. Attacking, the Artillery worried the defence and Veal forced Silva to carry more than two paces. The R.G.A. were given a free kick on the touch line half way between the corner flag and the upright. A goal seemed certain, but Ismail sent behind. The corner kick was well placed and the ball dodged about the goal mouth until Sopher cleared. Omar went away and beating Skeer sent in a high shot which Wood was just able to tip away. Velasco dashed in and headed the leather into the net. The St. Josephians returned from the centre and Ogley aimed for the top corner of the net. Wood again tipped away and Velasco once more rushed in and netted. Although the Artillery tried hard after this, they did not reply, and the final whistle came with the St. Josephians winners by two clear goals.

Mr. Jones was the referee. After the match, the teams lined up in front of the Grand Stand. Mr. Wilton, President of the League, before asking Mrs. Wilton to present the cup and medals to St. Joseph's College and the runners-up medals to the R.G.A., said he wished to congratulate both teams on their records in the League this season. The Cup was presented by Mr. Frederick Ellis in 1910 for competition annually by Junior teams. This Cup has been won previously by 88th Co., R.G.A., 3 times; St. Joseph's College, twice; and by 83rd Co., R.G.A., K.S.L.I., and Navy Reserves once each.

Mrs. Wilton presented the cup to Mr. E. P. Hyndman and congratulated St. Joseph's on winning the League for the third time. Mrs. Wilton then gave each member of the College team a gold medal, and each member of the R.G.A. team a silver medal. Mr. Hyndman called for "three cheers" for Mrs. Wilton, and handed to her a bouquet in a silver vase.

## FRIENDLY GAME.

## SOUTH CHINA V. "HAWKINS."

As the South China team is due to leave by train for Canton to-morrow to take part in the Kwangtung Sports, they have arranged for a practice match with the "Hawkins" on the Club ground at 5 p.m. today. A good game is anticipated, as both teams are turning out strong.

The South China Association will be represented by the following:—Lau King Cheung; Chan So and Fung Tai; Cheung Wing Sing, Leung Tai Fong and Leung Yung Tong; Au Kit Sang, Kwok Po Kan, Wong Pak Chung, Ip Kau and Ko Sik Wai.

## TENNIS.

## M. K. LO V. L. FORSTER.

Yesterday at the Hongkong Cricket Club two matches in the open events were played off. M. K. Lo beat L. Forster in an exciting match which went to the full five sets. Lo started strongly with Forster off his game, and took the first set with a magnificent pull up from five-two against him, at 8-6. Forster, however, was still as fresh as ever, and ran away from Lo for two sets. Lo seemed to be resting, as he was not so inclined to run as in the first set, losing the two at 0-6, 4-6. Forster played in just the same style for the next set, but Lo had saved up for this

and playing well he beat Forster at his own game, placing better than the Englishman and showing unusual steadiness. He won the set at 6/4, and then the gruelling part began. Forster was all out and saved everything which it was possible for man to save. But Lo was helped by his own fatigue, staying on the baseline and letting Forster do the running. In the absence of a smash Forster could do little but run up and down the court, playing a defensive shot when he should have attacked, and playing into Lo's hands. Lo climbed steadily by winning game after game, taking the set at 6/0.

Lo deserved to win by virtue both of superior strokes and superior tactics. If he had played the baseline game earlier he would have had an easier victory. Forster displayed his usual getting powers and it seemed many times that Lo was tiring too rapidly to do more, but the winner conserved his strength and took rests at unimportant moments in a manner which wins him praise for his strategy. Score to M. K. Lo: 8-6, 0/6, 4/6, 6/4, 6/0.

## MAJOR, H.M. EDWARDS AND R. TOWNSEND V. CAPT. LESLIE SMITH AND J. S. JENNINGS.

This match did not produce very much fine tennis except for the hard drives in which Jennings occasionally indulges. Smith smashed well, Townsend's volleys were more stylish than usual and Major Edwards gave the usual display of lapses and brilliancy. Edwards and Townsend took the first set but could not keep it up, losing the next. Then Smith and Jennings became somewhat careless and tried for too much instead of letting Townsend commit suicide—the obvious game. In spite of brilliant spots in their play their errors exceeded their aces, and Edwards and Townsend ran out winners in the fourth set. They have thus reached the final. The other bracket contains the Hancock brothers and the winner of Wednesday's match between Wong and Yvanovitch on the one hand and Penman and Humphreys on the other. It should be a fine match.

## A. PLAYER.

## OTHER RESULTS.

Men's Handicap Doubles.—Lt. Col. Bowen and Major C. Wilson beat E. Abraham and J. Statler, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2. G. Miskin and E. G. Grimble beat F. A. Dinsdale and C. C. Stark, 8-6, 7-5.

## TO-DAY'S GAMES.

Club Championship.—G. W. Sewell v. Capt. P. Havelock-Davies. Handicap Singles "A."—T. H. King v. Hayes. Handicap Singles "B."—W. B. Cornaby v. C. Blaker. Men's Handicap Doubles.—J. R. Wood and G. R. Sayer v. D. J. Valentine and R. K. Valentine.

## BILLIARDS.

## HO KONG-TONG CUPS.

At the Palace Hotel, Kowloon, last night, in connection with the tournament for the above cups, the Colony's new Champion, A. J. Osmund (—300) defeated Guimaraes (—200) by 21 points. The final scores were: Osmund 250; Guimaraes 229. The highest breaks of the evening were: Osmund, 41, 32, 30, 28, 42, 19, 18, 17 and 16; Guimaraes, 45, 31, 37, 36 and 31. Guimaraes now plays R. Thomas on Wednesday, at 5 p.m., while Osmund meets Sgt. Major Stroud in the final on Friday at 9 p.m.

## KWANGTUNG SPORTS.

## S.C.A. TO COMPETE.

The South China Athletic Association intends to send about 50 athletes to Canton to compete in the Eighth Athletic Meet of Kwangtung which is to be held in Canton on April 14 to 16. These will enter in various contests—All Track and Field Events including the 5-mile Marathon, Football, Volley Ball and Basket Ball. The Canton Committee have decided upon the competing classes as follows:—(a) Class for 4 ft. 3 inches and above; (b) Class for 3 ft. 9 inches and above; (c) Class for 2 ft. 5 inches and under 3 ft. 9 inches (all in Chinese measurement).

The Association has been doing its best to bring all possible pressure to bear upon every school to train runners to meet the competition, and they expect to be able to pick up some worthy representatives.

As regards Football, the Association's team, though not in full force, stand a good chance to carry away the honours, having been champion for the past few years. There will also be an International Football Competition including foreign teams. In Volley Ball and Basket Ball, the Hongkong teams will have to struggle hard, as the Canton teams are said to be very strong. The Hongkong Athletics will leave on the 13th instant by train.

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## A STRANGE VOYAGE.

My employers having decided that my presence on a certain island in the China Sea was essential for the success of their business, I had therefore to set out upon a sea voyage much against my wishes.

Rising at an early hour I left my little home in Kowloon having said good-bye to my dear wife. My little son not yet awake, I could only imprint a parting kiss on his rosy cheek and look forward with pleasure towards seeing him on my return.

My spirits were depressed on leaving home and the morning did not help to revive them. I remember what a dull day it was with the mist hanging low on the hills, and a fine drizzle obscuring the ships in the harbour. Having booked my passage some time previously, I made myself as comfortable as possible aboard the small steamer, and resigned myself to the journey. On coming up the gangway I had noticed that we carried a large crowd of steerage passengers, mostly Chinese coolies.

The only other cabin passenger was a rough fellow who had climbed aboard after the ropes had been cast off and the ship was already swinging away from the wharf.

As the deck space for even the first class passengers was rather limited he planted himself close by me exclaiming an appalling reek of the strongest tobacco mingled with odours of various liquid refreshments of which apparently he had recently been taking. He looked like a merchant sailor, and I presumed he was out of work, and making the passage with a view to looking for a job at the other end.

Almost overpowered by the fumes from his pipe I moved a little farther away from him and tried to forget his presence. I felt rather sorry for myself, condemned to a voyage with only this rough, unshaven, unsavoury individual for my fellow traveller, the captain of the steamer and all the crew in fact being Chinese.

My forebodings were to be realised only too soon for the foggy weather continued and on the second day out we ran into a cluster of very large junks. As they showed firmly on all sides the skipper was forced to slow down almost to a stop, and since the junks seemed to be closing in he began to manifest signs of great nervousness. On being interrogated as to his fears he answered in pidgin English that he did not like the look of these junks as they might be manned by pirates. My heart sank at this news but I did my best to laugh at his timidity, at the same time looking around for the sailor. It was useless, however, seeking advice from him as he lay on deck in a drunken stupor in which indeed he had remained since his arrival on board.

We were unable to make any speed at all as there always seemed to be a couple of junks just ahead, and towards evening the captain, who had spent the day in trying to dodge his way out from among them, gave up all hope and frankly declared that to-night "Alla man make die" unless we could manage to desert the steamer on the boats and trust to the pirates' eagerness for loot being keener than their thirst for blood. While I thought it was in a sense a cowardly action to take, yet discretion did certainly seem the better part of valour under the circumstances, and as dusk fell, the crew having got the boats in readiness, we tumbled into them and pushed off, leaving the steerage passengers at their evening meal unaware of the approaching danger.

I who had so recently left my comfortable home in Kowloon thus found myself in a ship's boat on the wide ocean.

There was no land in sight and no one in our boat seemed capable of even estimating the course to steer. Possibly the sailor might have been useful if he had been sober, but he had been dumped into the same boat as myself, and lay on the thwart swinging to and fro as we rolled in the swell.

Fancying they were near land the crew had cast themselves adrift without provisions of any kind and the boat only contained a couple of kegs of drinking water. They drank freely of the water and had almost finished one keg before the sailor recovered from his drunken stupor. He "did so" quite suddenly on the second day, rising stiffly, and stretching out his arms. He glared around the boat for a minute or two and then reached for the dipper. A few gulps of water made him grimace as the unaccustomed liquid went down, but it seemed to revive him, for he beckoned to me and said "Where the Hell are we anyhow?"

I could only reply that as I was a merchant and not a sailor I had no idea as to our exact position, and that as our present predicament seemed rather perilous and uncomfortable any assistance he could lend would be very welcome. He then asked how long we had been like this and I replied two whole days and that the crew had done nothing as they expected to be picked up by some passing ship.

He swore for a long time under his breath at this, and reached under his coat and around his waist. I saw his hand feeling for the haft of a sailor's knife attached to his belt and then he woke us all into activity. "Step the mast," he said. The Chinese not understanding the sudden command, he seized the tiller lying in the stern and beat those nearest

## THE MOTOR SHIP.

## FURTHER RAPID PROGRESS.

## A NOTEWORTHY FACT.

Rapid progress continues to be made in motor ship construction, and according to the March issue of *The Motor Ship* there were launched or completed during the past two months 13 large ocean-going motor ships with a total cargo carrying capacity of 140,000 tons. Particularly noteworthy is the fact that many of these vessels were of the largest and fastest class of cargo ship, two of them being 13 knot vessels carrying 14,000 tons, whilst two more are 13,500 ton craft with a speed of 12 knots. It is satisfactory to note that a large proportion of the new motor ships are of British construction five out of the 13 mentioned above having been built in shipyards in the United Kingdom.

Of special importance and interest in the current issue of *The Motor Ship* are the following:—An article giving a detailed comparison of steam and motor ships, an illustrated article on a 1,200 B. H. P. Diesel Engine; an illustrated article giving the description of a motor ship to carry 800 passengers; and plans and description of a new 350-ton motor coaster.

The *Japan Chronicle* announces through a telegram from Shanghai, Mr. Bertrand Russell's death, and the editor has let himself go to the extent of a column and a half in the way of an obituary. The Kokusai Agency in Shanghai was responsible for the despatch of this telegram; as a piece of intelligent anticipation, it has been a failure. Mr. Russell has been most seriously ill from pneumonia, but is said to be improving.

him unmercifully until they gathered his meaning and pulled at the ropes and mast and got it upright. Under his directions the sail was hoisted and he steered Southwards. A new feeling seemed to pervade the boat as we gathered way and I saw the crew creep further forward and head them tall in a much lower key. One man feeling thirsty after his spell of work reached for the dipper, but he was at once thrust back by the sailor with such intense ferocity that he withdrew hastily forward again. The kegs were at his advice brought aft by me and placed almost below his feet as he steered. I felt more hopeful now that some one was in command, and expressed the wish that we should soon make land. The sailor answered to the effect that there was a chance if the wind held. About 10 o'clock that night it fell off and all night we lay becalmed. Next day the sea was like glass and from then on we suffered the most extreme agonies.

Our self-elected captain doled out the water almost in drops and all tongues were literally hanging from life dry mouths. A trial or two was made to snatch the full keg but after two men had received deep wounds in the arm from the sailor's knife they gave up the attempt. I cannot describe in detail the horror of the ensuing days. We underwent all the tortures which men placed in our position must undergo.

One night two of the crew stepped overboard and others gabbled incoherently all day long. Next night one man was found with his throat cut and—how can I tell it—he was consumed by the wolves into which we were all transformed by hunger. The only knife on board was the sailor's. This was repeated as the days passed and our numbers grew steadily less. I felt his glance on me at times and always an indescribable, shivering sickness overcame me. He and I had arranged in self defence to keep watch and watch, and the end was hastened when one night while the sailor was still asleep the last two survivors of the crew both stepped overboard. I knew there would be trouble in the morning when the sailor woke, and but that I lacked the courage I should have followed the example of the last pair, as I felt I was no match for him in the death struggle which was sure to follow. It came without delay for he realised what had happened as soon as he awoke.

A few biting words of sarcastic reproach and he struck at me with his knife. I avoided the blow, falling on the gunwale as I did so only to feel him strike me on the side. The boat swung and I thought we should both go over and perish in the sea when suddenly he stood up and said "Hello, old sport, wake up!"

Dazed and incredulous I struggled to my feet to find that the ferry had bumped into the pier at Hongkong. The sailor at my side had aroused me by a friendly dig from which my ribs were still tingling.

So great was the shock of waking in an accustomed surroundings that my trembling knees gave way and I relapsed into my seat again. "Come and have a drink," said the sailor, seeing my distress. Feeling the need of something which would help to bring me back to ordinary life again, and still under the sway of his dominant personality, I followed him submissively up the street into the bar of the King Edward Hotel.

## "PLAIN SPEAKING."

## MR. JOHNSTONE'S SPEECH.

## SHANGHAI PAPER'S COMMENT.

Mr. John Johnstone is one who believes in plain speaking. We have all known that in Shanghai for some years past; and his speech at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Chamber of Commerce shows that his vigour has suffered no diminution in the more languorous climate of the south, says the *N.C.D. News*. The most generally interesting parts of that speech have already been telegraphed. The remainder deals largely with affairs of purely local interest. Thus the Hongkong Fire Brigade comes in for some very sharp criticism: the engines, it seems, are occasionally used for the carriage of beggars and the whole brigade was once turned out as far as Repulse Bay for nothing more terrible than a match on fire: the whole equipment and organization is described as needing immediate attention. One reads of complaints to the Government of pilfering of cargo which appear only to have drawn forth the irritating and not very understandable reply that the onus of protecting property lay with the shipowners, not with the police. Mr. Johnstone's retort that, if special attention were paid to the receivers of stolen property, some surprising results would accrue sounds eminently just. The demand for a Commercial Secretary at Hongkong, but not a Government cadet, whose hands will be tied, his work hampered and his judgment overshadowed by thoughts of where his bread and butter comes from, intensifies the feeling which the whole speech rightly or wrongly conveys, that the Hongkong Chamber is not satisfied with the way in which its representations are met.

Whether what might be called the "direct action" speech or the dripping water that wears away a stone is the more effectual is ever a matter of opinion. And just now it is rather an important matter. The way gave rise to a general desire that the mercantile community and the official classes in China should work in closer co-operation than they had or were supposed to have done in the past. In many ways this aim is being achieved with most satisfactory results; in others, the drawing together has revealed, even more strikingly than before divergences between the business and official habit of thought. It would seem there are some things which merchants, and some which governments, forget. When Mr. Johnstone says that "it is trade that has made this place and it is to trade that the Government must look to support it," he does not overstate the case. Eighty years ago Parliament was asking what we were to do with a barren fever-ridden rock at the mouth of the Canton river. To-day that barren rock has become one of the brightest jewels in the British crown and it is the British merchant who made it so, as he has made other lusters in the same diadem. On the other hand, it is not always easy for the business community to realize where their ambitions may have to be subordinated to a general policy. Hongkong and China are a good deal nearer to London than they were even twenty years ago and this new proximity has not always been to the business man's advantage. With whom the fault lies it would be hard to say. It may be that the increasing competition of other nations has sometimes led the British business man in China to a leading him to day-to-day grasp at a fancied, momentary advantage, though at the sacrifice of vital and far-reaching principles. But this fact unfortunately has to be faced namely that the British community in China has a reputation in London of being long in purse rather than broad in vision and that the representations it sends Home have to encounter a good deal of preliminary prejudice accordingly.

This consideration bears very closely upon Mr. Johnstone's urgent presentation of the need of British educational institutions for Chinese and of Government assistance in founding and endowing them. The Government's view in this matter is that as such institutions must, in so far as they affect British interests at all, be the concern entirely of the British community in China, it is they who must supply the money. But this conception, puts a burden on the British merchant which his competitors do not bear. We are far from saying that American firms in China contribute nothing to American educational institutions; but it is quite safe to say that the bulk of their funds comes from vast organizations in America itself. And in the case of France it is the French Government which has taken the lead and is working strenuously to attract Chinese students to French schools and colleges. Even if it were not the simple truth that British merchants in China subscribe far more liberally to purely Chinese interests than they commonly get credit for doing, the British Government's view, as mentioned above, seems one-sided. The China trade may occupy a small place in the eyes of Whitehall, but China as the centre of the world's policy is clearly destined to be a very big thing in the coming century, and it is on that score far more than on any question of selling engines and cotton mills that the need of a liberal educational policy is to be pressed.

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## MANCHESTER MARKET.

## LATEST WEEKLY REPORT.

Messrs. James F. Hutton & Co., Ltd., Manchester, reported on Wednesday, March 2, as follows:—

The past week has been one of the worst experienced in the cotton markets for a very long time. A variety of circumstances here combined to increase the already bearish atmosphere and there has been a very substantial fall in values. Exceptional weakness at Liverpool, owing to the continued unsatisfactory trade outlook here, has been largely responsible for the slump, and heavy selling of all months. March especially, has been in progress. The American markets have again been unfavourably affected by the absence of any stability on this side and have participated heavily in the selling movement. Spot business has been of a very limited nature, export orders accounting for the greater part of the sales at Liverpool. The result of the downward movement is that cotton now looks exceptionally cheap, as prices are little above what was regarded as a safe basis in pre-war days. Egyptian has not escaped the break in prices, quotations being very much reduced. That the markets are technically stronger as a result of the extremely heavy selling there is little doubt, and it is to be hoped that a slight recovery, which has taken place at the close of the week, is the forerunner to a steady improvement. Certainly opinion generally is that the price of the raw material is now very attractive, but the weight of demand is unfortunately still lacking. Falling cotton and silver prices have had a very discouraging effect on the yarn and cloth markets, and business has been extremely quiet with quotations lower. Odd lots still go through but the aggregate is very small, and further stoppages of machinery take place each week. Stocks of yarn tend to increase in spite of curtailed production and it is probable that mills will in consequence prolong the stoppage for the Easter holidays to at least ten days. Very much stronger cotton

## SUPERSTITIONS.

## THE LAST LIGHT.

An extremely prevalent superstition among the soldiers of the Allied armies during the World War was the belief that when three men lighted their pipes or cigarettes from one match the man taking the last light would be killed in the next engagement.

This superstition had its origin in an association of words and ideas—psychological genesis. Two men are "lighting up" for a smoke while waiting to go into action. One match lights two cigarettes comfortably. A third steps up. "Give me a light," from one to match. The idea at once occurs "It may be the last light for one of us." It was the third man who got the "last light" from the match. The idea of his being his "last light" in the full sense at once follows.

It only remains for the third man to be killed in the ensuing engagement to establish the superstition. The two survivors remember what had occurred to them when the three "lighted up" from one match just before the engagement and one says: "Well, it was Tom's last smoke." "Yes he took the last light—do you remember?" And there you have your superstition born. Another soldier hears the conversation "By George," that same thing happened to—And the superstition spreads with the rapidity of a malignant bacillus. The strained, more-or-less morbid, hypersensitive psychological condition of men constantly facing death for long periods is particularly favourable to superstitions. Of course thousands and thousands who took the "last light" lived. But a few "went west." The cases of those who lived attracted no attention. The cases of those who died did.

markets are badly needed to restore confidence, but it has also become obvious that low prices are required if there is to be a steady demand in the future, and the present drop must take us appreciably nearer the time when buyers will be tempted to operate.







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## TO-DAY'S CABLES.

(Reader's Service to the China Mail.)

## KAISER'S WIFE DEAD.

FEARS OF UNKNOWN PERILS HASTEN DEATH.

A PATHETIC FIGURE.

The ex-Kaiserin died this morning.

LONDON, April 11.

With the death of the ex-Kaiserin disappears a very pathetic figure among the Hohenzollerns. As the devoted consort she remained faithful unto the last to the ex-Kaiser. She had been failing in health ever since she joined him in exile and was a prey to fears of poison, aerial attack, and other perils. Her end was so long expected that the Duchess of Brunswick went to Germany in February to arrange the funeral. Finally she succumbed to heart attack. It is reported at Doorn that she is to be buried at Potsdam.

## CORRESPONDENCE

## INTERPORT CRICKET.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir—To one that deals in plain, unequivocal language, it is difficult to cope with the ambiguity of "Peakite's" letter under "Writ Sarkastik" in your last issue and to know whether he is serious or otherwise. His assertion that "the men chosen are those who are admittedly best fitted to represent Hongkong in all (the italics are his) branches of sport available in Shanghai during their visit" puzzles me to pieces. But should the Northern Port require cricketers of such versatility, it would have extended the invitation to the sportsmen of the Hongkong Cricket Club only. This invitation, if so directed, would save a lot of unnecessary and useless camouflage in issuing invitations to other non-British Clubs in Hongkong to participate. The truth is that Shanghai wants the best cricketers available from Hongkong and no more.

"Peakite's" second assertion is certainly untrue, and, if serious, abominably cruel. It is a fact that Chinese sportsmen through their prowess at tennis are getting used to the hospitality inseparable from interport fixtures. It is untrue that "they are not used to that sort of thing"; but it is apparently true that others are trying their best to prevent them from getting used to it. Consequently, the cruel assertion of your correspondent falls to the ground.

Although "Peakite" is hopelessly wrong in assuming that I am facetious, still he is right in stating that I find some satisfaction in the fact that Cricket is an English game. But, as no gentleman jockey would whip and kick his mount should it be an "also ran" after the winning post is passed, so no true sportsman would like to see Cricket rendered so im-

English in Hongkong that better exponents of the game are sacrificed simply because they do not happen to come from the British Isles, America or Europe. This affront to my sense of sportsmanship prompted me to cry "halt" to a disgraceful practice and to admit light into an act of infamy. It is a painful undertaking. But Cricket, to be Cricket, must be clean.

Sir, having disposed of "Peakite," I beg to point out that this discrimination has far-reaching effects that must react upon collective prestige. As British, we are justifiably proud of the huge sums spent by our Government in the uplift of the peoples of our Empire. In a corner of our hearts, the Hongkong University is enshrined. There, students of many Asiatic nations are equipped with knowledge and taught to play the game—if such teaching is required. But, as unjust discrimination is directed towards them—both the Chinese and Indian cricketers to whom I refer hail from our University—the idea is implanted in their minds that, once outside the University Gates, others will not "play the game" by them. From our efforts along the educational line, we expect certain fruits. But, unless the efforts of the Government are backed by the business section of the British community, the fruits may turn out differently to what is expected. And, Sir, that section of the British Community can help by "playing the game."

I am, etc.

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Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 5.74 inches, against an average of 7.83 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on April 13th.

1.—Hongkong to Gap Rock. E. winds, moderate; overcast, some rain later.

2.—Formosa Channel. Variable winds, freshening from N.E. later.

3.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Iannoko. The same as No. 1.

4.—South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan. The same as No. 1.

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